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VETERANS' SONS NAME COMMITTEES

SELECT COMRADES TO SEE
AFTER THE COMFORT
OF REUNION GUESTS.

SEND INVITATION TO GEN. BALDWIN

Commander of Sons of Veterans Is Urged to Meet Old Soldiers Here.

The Columbus Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, which is taking an active part in making arrangements for the entertainment of members of the Mississippi Division, United Confederate Veterans, when they hold their annual reunion here Nov. 1, 2 and 3, held a meeting at the city hall Monday night, and discussed several important matters.

Commander B. A. Lincoln read a letter from Gen. Ernest G. Baldwin, of Richmond, Va., commander-in-chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, in which he expressed good wishes for the success of the reunion, and upon motion of M. C. Vandiver, the adjutant was instructed to write Gen. Baldwin a letter inviting him to attend the coming meeting as a guest of the local camp.

The following committees were named by Commander Lincoln:

General Reception Committee—M. C. Vandiver, chairman; Brooks McGowan, B. Matthews, D. S. McClanahan, W. P. Pope, R. M. Nickles, Earl Richards, J. A. Lipsey, E. A. Stanley, J. K. Egger, W. W. Sharp, T. F. Lamb, W. Rippey.

Reservation Committee—John A. Morton, chairman; J. B. Williams, T. G. Munger, T. M. Cummings, Oscar Locke, B. K. Sessums, J. R. Randle, C. B. Smith.

Publicity Program Committee—Geo. O. Senter, chairman; V. B. Imes, F. D. Ellis, W. P. Striffling, W. H. Carter, W. C. Meek, J. F. Frierson.

Matron and Maids of Honor Committee—Davis Patty, chairman; C. L. Garnett, Seth A. Meek, T. W. Lewis, G. O. Senter.

The committee to name the matron and maids of honor on Tuesday appointed the following: Mrs. J. W. Carr, matron; Misses Louise Morgan, Emma Bell and Nell Carter.

8,500 Pensioners in State.

Biloxi, Miss., Oct. 11.—Mississippi's pensioners during the next two years will number 8,400 according to Judge Z. T. Champlin, of Biloxi member of the State Pension Board, which has completed the work of tabulating, classifying and correcting the pension roll sent to the state auditor from each of the 80 counties of the state. Judge Champlin, who returned from Jackson yesterday after finishing his work there, stated that the pension roll would be 1,200 short of what it was last year, on account of the fact that all pensioners were forced to make new application to each of the county pension boards, this having been required as a result of a law passed by the last legislature. The appropriation for pensioners in 1916 will amount to \$475,000 and for 1917 will be \$450,000. As a result of purging the roll in this county there will be forty fewer pensioners this year than last. Judge Champlin states that no pensioners in the state were turned down by the state Pension Board of which he was a member. Members of the board consisted in addition to Judge Champlin, Robert Campbell of Tupelo, and Watts Stewart of Madison, while Robert E. Wilson, of Jackson, state auditor and pension commissioner for Mississippi, acted as chairman.

Meeting of W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. will meet this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. L. Eggleston, corner of Sixth street and Second avenue, north. Ladies interested in temperance are cordially invited to also be present. A report from the return delegate at the state convention of W. C. T. U. held the past week in Meridian will be made.

U. D. C. Meeting.

There will be a called meeting of the Stephen D. Lee Chapter, U. D. C., at the Gilmer Hotel Friday morning at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of perfecting plans for the coming U. C. V. reunion. All members are urged to be present.

Mr. E. L. Kuykendall spent the first of the week in Birmingham, where he enjoyed the Alabama state fair.

ALLIES' NOTE ON SUBMARINE WARFARE ANSWERED TUESDAY

GOVERNMENT MAKES PLAIN
ITS STAND ON RIGHTS OF
THESE BOATS.

Washington, Oct. 11.—The text of the American memorandum replying to that of the allied governments regarding treatment of belligerent submarines in neutral ports is as follows: The government of the United States has received the identical memoranda of the governments of France, Great Britain, Russia, Japan in which neutral governments or exhorted "to take effective measures tending to prevent belligerent submarines, regardless of their use, to avail themselves of neutral waters, roadsteads and harbors." These governments point out the facility possessed by such craft to avoid supervision or surveillance or determination of their national character and their power to "do injury that is inherent in their very nature," as well as the "additional facilities" afforded by having at their disposal places where they can rest and replenish their supplies.

Apparently on these grounds the allied governments hold that "submarine vessels must be excluded from the benefit of the rules heretofore accepted under international law regarding the admission and sojourn of war and merchant vessels in neutral waters, roadsteads or harbors; any submarine of a belligerent that once enters a neutral harbor must be held there," and therefore, the allied governments "warn neutral powers of the great danger to neutral submarines attending the navigation of waters visited by the submarines of belligerents."

In reply the government of the United States must express its surprise that there appears to be an endeavor of the allied powers to determine the rule of action governing what they regard as "a novel situation" in respect to the use of submarines in time of war and to enforce acceptance of that rule, at least in part, by warning neutral powers of the great danger to their submarines in waters that may be visited by belligerent submarines.

In the opinion of the government of the United States the allied powers have not set forth any circumstances, nor is the government of the United States at present aware of any circumstances, concerning the use of war or merchant submarines which would render the existing rules of international law inapplicable to them.

In view of this fact and of the notice this warning of the allied powers announced in their memoranda under acknowledgment it is incumbent upon the government of the United States to notify the governments of France, Great Britain, Russia and Japan that, so far as the treatment of either war or merchant submarines in American waters is concerned the government of the United States reserves its liberty of action in all respects and will treat such vessels as, in its opinion, becomes the action of a power which may be said to have taken the first step toward establishing the principles of neutrality and which for over a century has maintained those principles in the traditional spirit and with the high sense of impartiality in which they were conceived.

In order, however, that there should be no misunderstanding as to the attitude of the United States, the government of the United States announces to the allied powers that it holds it to be the duty of belligerent powers to distinguish between submarines of neutral and belligerent nationality and that responsibility for any conflict that may arise between belligerent warships and neutral submarines on account of the neglect of a belligerent to so distinguish between these classes of submarines must rest entirely upon the negligent power.

29 Cents for Cotton.

Greenwood, Miss., Oct. 11.—The Y. & M. V. Cotton Co., of this city, yesterday sold to A. K. Sabin & Co., 100 bales of cotton at 29 cents a pound, the highest price on any lot of this size paid in the delta section this season, and the banner price for the Greenwood market. The cotton sold was of a high grade, extra long staple and very beautiful. The sale of a lot of cotton of this size for the price like the above speaks well for the Greenwood market. The buyers here are the most progressive to be found anywhere in the delta, and are always ready to bunch the top when the cotton is brought to this market. The fact that Greenwood's receipts have already totalled over 31,000 bales attests the popularity of this place as a cotton market.

MAKING PLANS TO ENTERTAIN VETS

DAUGHTERS ARRANGE A
TENTATIVE PROGRAM
FOR REUNION.

BALL AT GILMER WILL BE FEATURE

Address by Former Senator
White Is Being Eagerly Anticipated.

Elaborate plans are being made to entertain the Mississippi Division, United Confederate Veterans, when they hold their annual meeting here on November 1, 2 and 3. The finance committee has been making a thorough canvas, and quite a number of liberal donations have been made. The board of supervisors and the city council each gave \$100 and all of the city banks have contributed \$25 each, while several large donations have been made by private citizens.

A tentative program for the entertainment of the veterans provides for a ball on the opening night of the reunion, the grand march to be led by Gen. Calvin B. Vance, of Batesville, commander of the division, and Mrs. E. T. Sykes, of this city, matron of honor for the occasion. Toasts will be responded to by the state president of the Confederate Daughters, Mrs. Price, and other prominent members of the organization.

During their stay here the veterans will be given an entertainment at the Industrial Institute and College, and the younger sponsors and maids of honor will be entertained with a dance by the Choctaw Club. One of the big features of the reunion will be the address by Captain Frank White, of Birmingham. Capt. White, who is a native of this state, fought through the Civil war as a member of the First Mississippi Cavalry. He has for a number of years, however, been a resident of Birmingham and ranks as one of Alabama's ablest lawyers and most brilliant statesmen, having been elected to serve out the unexpired term of the late Senator Joseph E. Johnson, when that gifted son of the south died several years ago.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER
THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A
BRIEF FORM.

The Jackson Military Highway pathfinders are now en route back to Nashville, and are to be at Huntsville, Ala., Sunday.

The department of agriculture on Monday issued the forecast of the crop production of the United States, which is as follows: Corn 2,717,932,000 bushels; wheat 697,557,000 bu.

Marine insurance rates from ports in America to English ports jumped Monday 1 to 5 per cent in consequence of the German submarine operations. Rates to Havre and Bordeaux increase from 5-8 and 3-4 of 1 per cent to 5 per cent.

Damage estimated at \$100,000 resulted from a fire which Tuesday destroyed kilns, planing mills, a dry shed and 750,000 feet of lumber, the property of the Kola Lumber Company, at Kola, Miss., near Hattiesburg.

\$5,000 Fire Near Artesia.

Fire which broke out early yesterday afternoon destroyed a large barn and a lot of provender contained therein on the plantation of Mrs. Sanders Wilburn in the Artesia neighborhood, about 14 miles west of Columbus.

The property destroyed, in addition to the building, consisted of 1,000 bushels of corn, several car loads of hay, 3 wagons and a number of agricultural implements. The blaze, the origin of which is unknown, entailed a loss of \$5,000, which is partially covered by insurance.

Two Fall Openings.

Beautiful fall openings will be held at W. C. Beard's, Inc., and at Simon Loeb and Brother tonight.

The doors at Beard's will be opened at 7:30 o'clock and will remain open until 10:30. Loeb's opening will begin at 8 p. m.

The public is cordially invited.

NEW DIRECTORS IN FIRST MEETING

PROVIDE FOR REPRESENTATION OF COLUMBUS
AT MEETING.

MAKE PLANS TO MOVE MONUMENT

Adopt Resolution Expressing
Sympathy for Mr. Imes in
Illness.

Directors of the local Chamber of Commerce held a meeting Monday night, and decided to send W. H. Carter to Jackson, Miss., to go before the members of the Farm Loan Board when they meet in that city October 31, and present the claims of Columbus for a Farm Loan bank.

The movement to secure a Farm Loan Bank for Columbus was inaugurated by J. G. Weatherly, former secretary of the Civic Chamber, but as Mr. Weatherly tendered his resignation soon after application for one of the banks was officially made, and the position has since been vacant, nothing has been done towards collecting the necessary data to place before the Farm Loan board. However, as formal application for the bank had already been made it was decided to send Mr. Carter, who once served as secretary of the Civic Chamber, to Jackson to represent the city's interests.

Several gentlemen filed application for the position of secretary, but the directors, after having discussed the matter at some length, decided to defer action until a subsequent meeting.

The meeting Monday night was the first to be held by the directors for the ensuing year who were named at the recent annual meeting of members, and Mr. S. B. Street, Jr., the new president, outlined his policy, which he declared would be a live and progressive one.

Miss Ella Mae Jordan tendered her resignation as assistant secretary, and same was accepted with regret. Miss Jordan has been in the employ of the Civic Chamber for a long time, and since the departure of former Secretary Weatherly a few weeks ago the duties of that position have devolved largely upon her. She has discharged these duties in a most acceptable manner, and the fact that she has decided to sever her connection with the organization is universally regretted.

The directors unanimously adopted a resolution expressing sympathy for Mr. V. B. Imes, a popular member of the board, who has been ill at his home on South Seventh avenue for several weeks. Mr. Imes is not only one of the most popular but one of the most progressive and enthusiastic members of the board, and during his illness his fellow directors have sadly missed his aid and counsel.

Several other matters were discussed by the directors, one of the most important having been the removal of the Confederate monument from its present location on the court house square to the corner of Main and Market streets, which is the recognized business center of the city. It was originally intended to erect the monument on this site, and its removal would meet with public approval.

UNKNOWN NEGRO FRIGHTENS TEACHER AT THE COLLEGE

MISS SARAH FRANCES ROWAN
FINDS BLACK BRUTE HID-
ING IN HER ROOM.

An attack made by an unknown negro upon Miss Sarah Frances Rowan, an instructress at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College yesterday evening has created a great deal of excitement not only among members of the faculty and students of the institution, but among citizens generally.

According to the best information obtainable, Miss Rowan found the negro crouched in her room when she returned to the apartment after having been to the dining hall for supper. When the intruder saw her she started to run, and although she endeavored to detain him he pushed her roughly aside and ran hurriedly down the hall. Several members of the student body tried to stop his flight, but their efforts proved unsuccessful, and he escaped in the darkness. Officers are endeavoring to find the negro, but have so far met with no success in this effort.

COLUMBUS WANTS ANOTHER HIGHWAY

LOCAL GOOD ROAD BOOST-
ERS AFTER BIRMINGHAM
MEMPHIS TRAIL.

PART OF ROAD IS ALREADY BUILT

More Than 100 Miles Between
Magic City and Tupelo Now
Ready For Traffic.

Enthusied with the success which they have achieved in constructing the Mississippi route of the Jackson Highway, local good roads boosters will endeavor to secure the proposed Memphis-Birmingham Highway for Columbus, and with that end in view will offer the promoters more than one hundred miles of rock road which is now complete and ready for traffic, and which it has cost thousands of dollars to construct.

The entire route from Birmingham to Tupelo, a distance of about 140 miles, is practically complete, the only stretch of roadway that is unfit for automobile traffic being about 20 miles between Vernon, Ala., and this city. Arrangements for the improvement of this roadway have been perfected, and when the work has been completed there will be a smoothly surfaced highway all the way from Birmingham to Tupelo.

Tax payers in Lee, Lowndes, Monroe and other counties throughout East Mississippi have recently expended thousands of dollars in the construction of good roads, and the route being promoted by local highway boosters traverses these thoroughfares. The south boasts of no better roadway, and it is believed by many that this will finally be selected as the official route of the Memphis-Birmingham Highway.

Mr. V. B. Imes, business manager of the Columbus Dispatch and correspondent of a number of metropolitan dailies, who has been ill for more than a month, was out on the streets Wednesday, and received a cordial greeting from numerous friends, to whom his recovery is a source of much pleasure.

STATE COURTS HAVE NO RIGHT TO ENJOIN ELECTION

HIGH TRIBUNAL RENDERS THE
FINAL DECISION IN LIQUOR
APPEAL CASE.

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 11.—After a week's deliberation, following the arguments all day last Monday of counsel on both sides of the question, the supreme court, sitting en banc, Monday morning handed down a decision on the injunction ordered to issue several weeks ago by Chancellor Taylor, restraining a referendum vote on the Weekly quart-a-time law, the Richardson game and fish law, and the whiskey anti-advertising law, the court holding that chancellors or other courts of this state have no jurisdiction to stop the holding of an election by means or a writ of injunction.

The court's decision was not unanimous, Judge Sykes dissenting. This ruling means that the people of this state will have the opportunity at the coming November election, to ratify or reject the three above named measures, framed and passed at the last session of the legislature. The right of the electorate, under the initiative and referendum amendment to the state constitution, to vote on legislative enactments properly submitted to them is left undisturbed by the decision.

In this deciding the question, the higher court reasoned that according to fundamental law the holding of an election is a political right and privilege inherent in the people and as such cannot be taken away or interfered with by the judiciary. The use of the injunction to stop the exercise of this right is without authority of law and is not within the jurisdiction of the courts. To establish a precedent of impeding and preventing elections by mandatory writs would, in the opinion of the court, be ill-advised and unwholesome. It is only after elections have been duly held and complaints are brought before the court in proper form that jurisdiction can and will be assumed in such matters.

Having held at the outset that the

STARKVILLE CAPTURES THE NEXT W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

MRS. S. E. STANLEY, OF BOONE
VILLE, ELECTED PRES-
IDENT FOR NEXT TERM.

Meridian, Miss., Oct. 11.—The Mississippi convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which closed its sessions here Monday night, elected officers as follows: Mrs. S. E. Stanley, Booneville, president; Miss M. L. Montgomery, Starkville, corresponding secretary, and all the other old officers were re-elected.

D. P. Hargan of A. & M. College, won the gold medal for the best temperance speech. The next convention goes to Starkville.

Services at the various churches were conducted by members and officers of the W. C. T. U., and each of the churches was crowded to the doors by enthusiastic audiences.

French Bonds Back German Lines.

London, Oct. 11.—The French troops south of the Somme region in France have bent back the German lines considerably over a front of about two and a half miles from the village of Vovent to the Chaulnes wood, capturing in the operation the village of Bovenet, the north and west outskirts of Ablaincourt and most of Chaulnes wood.

In Transylvania, the Germans are closely pressing the retreating Rumanians, who continue to fall back all along the line. In the fighting around Kronstadt 1175 Rumanians were made prisoners and 25 cannon, including 13 heavy pieces and large quantities of ammunition and stores, were captured.

The Galician village of Herbutow, on the Narayuvka river, has been stormed by the Germans, and to the north, in Volhynia, the Russians have been driven out of advanced positions northwest of Luptsk.

Along the Struma river, southwest of Demir-Hissar, in Greek Macedonia, the forces of the Teutonic powers have evacuated the towns of Chavda Mah, Ormanli and Haznatar. Northwest of Sere the British have taken from the Bulgarians the towns of Kalendra and Homondos. Berlin says that along the Cerna river, where the entente allies have been making progress, all attacks have been repulsed.

Revival Meeting Postponed.

On account of the death of a relative in Tennessee, Rev. J. W. Porter, who was to have started a revival meeting at the First Baptist church last Sunday, postponed the services for a week.

Meetings were held the past three nights at the First Baptist church, conducted by Rev. J. L. Vipperman, the pastor, but Rev. Porter will not reach the city until the last of the week.

Mr. Dave Bowlin, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, is in the city on a visit to his brother, Mr. W. H. Bowlin.

Mr. W. E. Alford, of Birmingham, spent yesterday in Columbus with relatives.

Chancellor was without judicial power to issue the enjoining writ, the supreme court did not proceed into the merits of the case. Whether or not the initiative and referendum clause was legally adopted, ratified and inserted into the constitution was not considered. The court, however, reserved the right to pass upon this question at a future time whenever a case in point shall be properly brought before it.

People all over the state have been eagerly and closely watching the legal battle waged for many weeks past by the supporters and opponents of the three measures in question. The outcome of the concerted efforts to prevent a referendum vote became a matter of intense interest. The first signs were fired early in July, when petitions signed by the requisite 7,000 were filed with the secretary of state, asking for a reference of the three measures under fire to a vote of the people. Following these petitions, injunctions were asked and granted restraining the secretary from holding said elections. Whereupon the attorney general appealed the case to the supreme court. The validity of the initiative and referendum clause was questioned in these injunctions. Now comes the supreme court and without going into the latter question, informs the public, in a decision outlining and explaining its logic therein, that their right to hold an election cannot be abridged by a judicial body. As the consequence of which the three doubtful enactments will be entered upon the ballots at the election next month and voted upon along with the candidates.

INTEREST INCITED BY LANTRIP CASE

FACT THAT TRIAL IS PRI-
VATE SERVES TO CRE-
ATE INTEREST.

SOME OF EVIDENCE IS SENSATIONAL

Witness Swears Effort Made to
Induce Him to Leave the
City.

A decision in the suit of Mrs. Georgia Lantrip against her husband, Mr. J. E. Lantrip, for divorce, which came up before Chancellor A. Y. Woodward, of Louisville, who is this week presiding over chancery court in this city, will be given this morning.

Mrs. Lantrip, in bringing suit for divorce against her husband made statutory charges and asked not only for alimony but for the custody of the children. Mr. Lantrip answered with a cross bill in which he made similar charges and also requested the custody of the two children, one of whom is a girl and the other a boy, alleging that his wife was morally unfit and financially unable to properly take care of them.

Mrs. Lantrip is widely known here, and the case has incited widespread interest. The trial, however, progressed behind closed doors, only those directly connected with the case having been admitted to the court room. Testimony was concluded Tuesday afternoon, and argument was postponed until Wednesday afternoon, as another case had already been set for trial Wednesday morning.

Several of the witnesses testified to the fact of instances that would go hard against Mrs. Lantrip. One made a statement to the fact that he had been ordered by one of the complainant's witnesses to leave the city before the trial came up, and should he testify he would have to suffer consequences.

The suit was filed for Mrs. Lantrip by Attorney W. C. Meek, who is representing her at the trial, while Mr. Lantrip is represented by Messrs. Frierson & Hale.

In addition to the Lantrip case, the following matters have been disposed of since court convened last Monday morning:

D. K. Jeffries vs. A. W. Hampton. Claim of \$1400 allowed with interest.

In the matter of the last will of J. D. Bradford, M. E. White, administrator. Order confirming sale.

Henry R. Hickey and wife, Mabel, vs. Marion Lawson. Adoption granted.

In the matter of G. L. Hawkins, surviving partner of Hawkins & McGee. Order relieving John McGee of all liability of said firm.

Sam Hallman vs. John E. Hallman. Divorce granted.

Eugentine Jordan vs. Alena B. Jordan. Divorce granted.

Molly Billups, or Cox, vs. Tony and Richard Billups. Division of land granted.

Fannie Robertson vs. T. M. Robertson. Divorce granted.

In the matter of the estate of Mrs. Crescentina Selig. Order allowing fee of guardianship ad litem.

In the matter of W. H. Thompson & Co., O. W. Storey, assignee. Assignments confirmed.

In the matter of Edgar McGee, deceased, Jno. McGee, administrator. Order dismissing John McGee from administration.

W. H. and J. D. Johnston. Order confirming B. A. Lincoln, guardian. Guardianship of Miss Christine McWilliams. Order that Mrs. L. C. Patterson, former guardian, be relieved from all liability of guardianship.

Elisha Rush, by Jno. Lee, next friend, vs. Tony and Sam Ussery. Decree pro confesso.

Mrs. Pearl Free vs. L. A. Free. Divorce granted.

Allen Ellis vs. Mary Washington, et al. Dismissed.

Guardianship of Tommie Hudson, et al. minors. Order allowing attorney's fee.

Order confirming the acts and doings of the chancery clerk during the vacation period.

Repairing County Bridge.

Much needed improvements on the county bridge across the Tombigbee river are being made this week. New flooring and side railings are being put in, and each day this week the bridge will be closed during the hours from 8 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon.